

"Extract from Entry from Marquis KIDO's Diary, 5 Sept 41"

September 5th, 1941 - (Extract)

.....At 4.30 p.m. the Premier proceeded to the Palace and submitted to the Throne a plan relative to the holding of a Council in the Imperial presence. The Premier said that as the Emperor asked many questions as to our policy towards U.S.A. from the point of view of war strategy, he had advised the Emperor to summon the Chief of General Staff and the Chief of the Naval General Staff. I, therefore, proceeded to the Palace to advise the Emperor to follow the Premier's advice. I requested Aide-de-camp YOKOYAMA to call the Chief of the General Staff, the Chief of the Naval General Staff, and the Premier to the Palace. At 6 p.m. they were granted an audience by the Emperor to answer the Imperial questions.

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木 戸 侯 爵 日 記

昭和十六年九月五日分

九月五日（金）晴

午前九時砂田重政氏來訪面談

十時二十五分ヨリ十一時迄拜謁

侍從長來室懇談

一時半中村警衛局長來室最近ノ治安狀況等ヲ陳ク

四時半首相參内御前會議ノ衆ニツキ奏上ス對米施策

ニツキ作戰上ノ御疑問等モ數々アリ首相ハ兩總長ノ

御召ヲ御願シ尙内大臣トモ相談スベキ旨言上一旦退

下ス因ツテ五時ニ拜謁ヲ願ヒ右ニ對シ御下問ニ奉答

首相ノ奏上ノ通り兩總長ヲ御召相成度旨奏上ス

一旦退下更ニ同十分拜謁ノ手續ニツキ御許ヲ得直ニ

横山武官ニヨリ兩總長ニ傳達セシム

六時首相兩總長打揃ヒテ拜謁御下問ニ奉答ス御前

ヲ退下ノ後首相ハ立寄り小時會談七時退出ス

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水戸侯爵日記

昭和十六年九月六日分

九月六日(土)晴

午前九時半出勤

九時四十分ヨリ九時五十五分迄御召ニヨリ拜謁ス本日ノ御前會議ニテ御質問相成度恩召ニテ種々御下問アリタルヲ以テ余トシテハ御疑問ノ重要ナル點ハ原相ニ於テ質問スベキ筈ナレバ陛下トシテハ最後ニ今同ノ決定ハ國運ヲ賭シテノ戦争トモナルベキ重大ナル決定ナレバ統帥部ニ於テモ外交工作ノ成功ヲ齎スベク全幅ノ協力ヲナスベシトノ意味ノ御警告ヲ被達コトガ最モ可然カト奉答ス

十時本警保局長來訪治安狀況ヲ聴ク

十一時從職ニ於テ東宮御教育ニ關スル會議アリ出席ス

十二時四十分武官長ト御前會議ニツイテ懇談ス

一時十分ヨリ一時三十分迄拜謁御前會議ノ模様ニツキ御話アリ、原議長ノ外交工作ヲ主トスルノ趣旨ナリヤ云々ノ質問ニ對シ海軍大臣ヨリ答辯シ統帥部ハ發言セザリシニ對シ最後ニ御發言アリ統帥部ノ答辯セザルヲ遺憾トスト仰セアリ明治天皇ノ御製「四方ノ海」ノ御歌ヲ御引用ニ相成リ外交工作ニ全幅ノ協力ヲナスベキ旨仰セラレタル旨奉ル